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Spring/Summer 2018

The Spring/Summer 2018 issue of *Rural Connections* includes an introduction written by WRDC Director Don Albrecht, and six articles discussing a range of topics including:

- climate adaptation planning in northwest Alaska;
- the increase of manufactured homes in rural areas;
- an Idaho community's approach to food insecurity;
- redeveloping natural assets in rural Nevada;
- access to crucial public safety equipment;
- and an innovative direct-to-consumer food program.

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INTRODUCTION

A rapidly changing world has left rural America with significant challenges. These challenges include dealing with basics such as food, housing, jobs, and adapting to a changing environment. The articles in this issue of *Rural Connections* deal directly with some of these fundamental concerns. These are excellent articles and I encourage readers everywhere to seek ways to implement these ideas and programs in the community where they live or work. *Read more.*

ON THE COVER

ALREADY A LIFESTYLE
How a Rural Nevada Town Used its Natural Assets to Become Sustainable and Successful

The city leaders of Fallon, Nevada, a small, rural town in Churchill County, have capitalized on their town's natural assets, and today Fallon is a rural tourism mecca with a successful local food hub. This article details their successful approach to economic development. *Read more.*
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING IN NORTHWEST ALASKA
Suggestions for Partnering with Rural Indigenous Communities on the Frontline of Climate Change

The authors share their insights on partnering with indigenous communities responding to climate-related hazards and identify lessons for supporting tribal climate adaptation planning. Read more.

ENHANCING AMERICA'S 'RURAL LIFESTYLE'
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES CRUCIAL ASSISTANCE

The small City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, receives crucial public safety equipment-purchasing assistance from USDA Rural Development. Read more.

THE ROLE OF MANUFACTURED HOMES IN MEETING RURAL HOUSING NEEDS
MANUFACTURED HOME LIVING STEADILY INCREASING IN RURAL AREAS

Thirty years ago, manufactured homes represented one percent of the U.S. housing stock. Today, it’s about 30%. In this article, the authors discuss this increase and outline the several factors leading to the increase of manufactured homes as an essential component of the affordable housing stock in the U.S. Read more.

COMMUNITIES THAT EAT TOGETHER GROW TOGETHER
How One Idaho Community is Tackling Food Insecurity

Concerned residents in Lemhi County, Idaho, reached out to University of Idaho Extension’s Lemhi County Office to address their county’s food insecurity. Together, they held a summit to raise awareness, and from that summit was born the Salmon Community Dinner, an effort to feed hungry community members while also building healthy community relationships. Read more.
FARM FRESH FOOD BOX
An Innovative New Business Model in Rural Communities

How can a community support local retail and local farmers while also conveniently and affordably serving consumers? A multi-state team from Extension and university research formed to address this question by testing an entrepreneurial model: Farm Fresh Food Box. Read more.

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